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Title: Need to upgrade railway stations at Viluppuram and Tindivanam and construct road over bridges at level crossings at Kandamangalam, Katpadi and

Arakanallur in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI S. RAJENDRAN (VILUPPURAM): Major Trains of Southern Railway pass through Viluppuram junction and this junction handles more passengers at par with other major railway stations in South India. When it comes to amenities, Viluppuram junction is lagging behind in many ways causing inconvenience. Viluppuram junction may be upgraded giving adequate facelift. So is the case of Tindivanam railway station which links Tamil Nadu with the neighbouring Union territory of Puducherry. Apart from that, Kandamangalam level crossing on the Viluppuram-Puducherry Road and Arakanallur level crossing on Viluppuram-Thirukovilur line have to be replaced with Road Over Bridges to avoid traffic congestion and enormous sufferings faced by the general public.

Hence, I urge upon the Government and the Ministry of Railways along with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to take up this coordinated measure to attend to the needs of the railway passengers and the highway users.